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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] HAROLD E STASSEN, White House Disarmament Aide, *deploring pressure on President to announce 2nd-term intentions*: "I think he could decide anywhere up to June or July and the country would be thankful he would serve." . . . [2] JOS W MARTIN, Jr, House Republican Leader, *(who says GOP stands for "Guardian of Prosperity")*: "If '56 elections are decided at the factory pay window, the corner grocery store and the family kitchen, Republicans will win by an overwhelming margin. No one wants to pull the rug out from under peace and prosperity." . . . [3] DR I GEO NACE, Exec Sec'y Div of Home Missions, Nat'l Council of Churches, *asserting Protestant churches, focusing on suburban mbrship, neglect blighted urban areas*: "To deal with hoodlums, gangsters, youth gangs and the like, we need a new kind of city pastor, trained in jujitsu; he should be ready to go into bars and minister to his parishoners there if he cannot reach them in church." . . . [4] DR WM H MAS-

Quote of the Week

HENRY CABOT LODGE, Jr, U S Ambassador to U N, *commenting on action of Russia vetoing 13 Western-backed nations for UN mbrship, following Nationalist China veto of Outer Mongolia*: "If everybody is rigid and you just have head-on collisions, there is no use in having the UN."

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TERS, Washington Univ School of Medicine, St Louis: "All men and women become mbrs of a 3rd sex, the 'neuter gender' when they reach an average age of 60." . . . [5] L G PINE, editor, *Burke's Peerage, expressing dismay that Clement Attlee will be known simply as 'Earl Attlee'*: "It may result in peers being confused with American bandleaders like Count Basie and Duke Ellington. It's really most peculiar." . . . [6] GEO HUMPHREY, Sec'y of Treasury, *parrying question of how Administration will balance budget*: "Well, I had a rich uncle who died . . ."

FIFTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

*A Merry Christmas to all,
and to all a Good Year!*

Maxwell Drake

With the frankincense and myrrh Mary anointed the Babe; but the gold was Joseph's charge. There would be need for it. A husbandman's taxes were always a little more than he reckoned. And that flight into Egypt would be costly. Thoughtfully Joseph counted the coins. There were enough . . . enough and a little to spare.

So a tenth part of the treasure he set aside for Zebaniah, the innkeeper, who had been kind. "It was a gift to the Babe," Joseph said, "and in His name I give it to you."

The innkeeper, gladdened by an

unanticipated boon, straightway bought a bauble bright as the eyes of a woman he loved.

And thus, down the corridor of the centuries have come those coins of bestowal, dedicated compulsively to the happiness of humanity. Their merry tinkle rises eternally in our ears, above the hue of all who decry a commercialized Christmas.

A commercialized Christmas?

Ah, pontifical Pharisee, we but spend the coins of the Christ Child. Look ye now, they are yet marked with the image of a Babe in Bethlehem.



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"
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Charles William Ferguson



ACTION—1

Triumph is just umph added to try. — HOWARD CRIMSON, Howard College, *Outdoor America*.

ART—2

Jean Cocteau, in reply to a reporter's question, "By whom is a painter paid," said "By the future." — *Paris Match*, France (QUOTE translation).

ATOMIC AGE—3

The next 20 yrs will see the most radical departure from human physical effort ever experienced by man. The buggy is closer to the most modern auto than is electric to atomic power.—MORRIS L. ERNST, *Utopia 1976* (Rinehart).

BEHAVIOR—4

Personal ambition and personal adventure are God's sharpest spurs in man. They need encouragement, not repression, for they will continue to exist in man no matter what we do and, unless they get legitimate outlets, they will take illegitimate ones. It seems to me that boredom of this sort, mass integration, is responsible for a fair am't of rising juvenile delinquency. I believe that in such boredom, if it is left to fester in a generation of people blessed or cursed by automation and the leisure it will bring, people will in time become so tired of sameness and tameness that they will welcome any sort of wild adventure—even a new war. — EDGAR ANSEL MOWER, "Recreation—For What?" *Recreation*, 12-'55.

BOOKS—Reading—5

Until the schools provide a rich literature program with a wealth of mat'l related to the interest and levels of the children they serve, and until the parents see the need and importance of providing a rich literary environment in the home, let no one complain about comic books or drug store pulps. In this case as in many others we get just exactly what we pay for, or in this case, what we don't pay for.—A STERL ARTLEY, "Literature in the Language Arts Program," *Jnl of Education*, published by Boston Univ School of Education, 10-'55.

CENSORSHIP—6

Books won't stay banned. They won't burn. Ideas won't go to jail. In the long run of history, the censor and the inquisitor have always lost. The only sure weapon against bad ideas is better ideas. The source of better ideas is wisdom. The surest path to wisdom is a liberal education. — ALFRED WHITNEY GRISWOLD, *Essays in Education* (Yale).

CHURCH—7

Some time ago, a distraught pastor said, "The greatest mission field today is the membership of the average church."—VANCE HAVNER, "Time Out to Tune Up!" *Watchman-Examiner*, 11-17-'55.

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Newsmen at Gettysburg were talking with White House Press Sec'y Jas C Hagerty about the difficulties to be faced at Pres Eisenhower's 1st press conf since his illness. Hagerty was warned that reporters have so many questions saved back, the session may be a long one and perhaps wearing on the President. "I don't think so," Hagerty said facetiously, "because if he announces he will run for a 2nd term, every one would rush out immediately to get the story on the wires." One reporter said he doubted that such a story would clear the room. "A few of us," he said, "would stick around to ask one question: 'With whom?'"

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Asked by a Washington friend if she attempted to delete any of the juicier passages in her husband's memoirs, Mrs Harry S Truman replied: "Yes, I did—but it didn't do any good."

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Asst Postmaster Gen'l Ormonde A Krieb (in charge of postal facilities) said during a recent For'gn Policy Ass'n dinner: "My wife chides me about giving too much to my job. 'You've been working at the post office,' she said, 'for 8 hrs every day. Then you come home and talk about the post office all evening. The trouble with you is that you've forgotten how to play post office!'"

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CHURCH—Contributions—8

The usual collection was taken in church on Sunday morning and the minister noticed, among the dollar bills and silver coins, two lone pennies in the collection plate when it was brought back to the pulpit.

"I see there's a Scotsman with us this morning," he remarked facetiously.

Whereupon an old Scot arose in the back of the church and said: "Yes, sir. There are two of us."—*Wisconsin Jnl of Education.*

COMMUNISM—9

Eventually the Russians may realize that they cannot live by dread alone.—HARRY C BAUER, Director of Libraries, Univ of Washington (Seattle).

DRINK—Drinking—10

A psychiatrist, in a recent book declares when a man comes home half-tight, there is usually a deep-seated reason for it. That isn't hard to figure out—the guy probably ran out of money early in the evening.—P-K Sideliner, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

EDUCATION—11

The educated man as we understand him is the best weapon we have. And we have the gravest responsibility to ourselves, to our country, and to humanity to keep him flourishing. — Editorial, *Phi Delta Kappan*.

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Young people are children callously pulling off the wings of butterflies. The chief purpose of education is to impart an understanding of the butterfly's point of view.—Dr TODHUNTER HALL, college pres in the TV program, *Halls of Ivy*.

ENVY—12

Enemies are the heritage of the successful. Nobody envies a failure.
—*Texas Outlook*.

FAMILY LIFE—13

The dining room is the place where the family eats while the painters are doing over the kitchen.—*Bendixline*, hm, Bendix Products Div, Bendix Aviation Corp'n.

FOLLY—14

When you are arguing with a fool, make certain that he is not similarly occupied.—*Supervision*.

FUTURE—15

The future course of American industrial achievement and nat'l defense will be largely dependent on the engineering skills which can be developed from the generation now in high school.—*ALLISON C NEFF*, pres, Nat'l Society of Professional Engineers.

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Nobody can really guarantee the future. The best we can do is size up the chances, calculate the risks involved, estimate our ability to deal with them, and then make our plans with confidence.—*HENRY FORD II*, *Lifetime Living*.

GIFTS—Giving—16

When we give to each other our Christmas presents, let us give them in His name. Let us remember that He has given us the sun and the stars, the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit—and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused. And to save us from our own foolishness and from all our sins, He came down to Earth and gave Himself.—*Author Unknown*.

GOD—and Man—17

We have today a sort of mock religion, or religion in reverse. It focuses principally, if not exclusively, on man. In it, God is a gimmick, an aspirin tablet. Worried? Whistle for God to sweep out the worry-inducing mess. Unhappy? Ring for God to bring you a pr of rose-colored glasses. Depressed? Take a swig of inspirational corn liquor and soon you'll be riding a cloud. Business shaky? Make God your partner (silent, of course) and watch the profits zoom.

In brief, religion as currently construed is not man's service to God, but God's service to man.—*JOHN S KENNEDY*, quoted in *Information*.

GOOD—Evil—18

Every person is responsible for all the good within the scope of his abilities, and for no more, and none can tell whose sphere is the largest. — *GAIL HAMILTON*, *Good Business*.

HEALTH—19

The American exec is being turned into a hypochondriac. Indeed, so many mbrs of brass are taking their pulse, feeling their heart beat, worrying about diet, doing morning pushups, taking pills, reading articles on how not to die at 60 and going to doctors that they haven't any time or energy left to run a business.—*LAWRENCE STESSIN*, *Forbes*.

HUMOR—20

Humor is an antibiotic against hate.—*FELIX WELTSCH*, *Monat*, Berlin (QUOTE translation).

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INDIVIDUALITY—21

When Henry David Thoreau was 8 or 9 yrs old, someone asked him what he would be when he grew up. Said he serenely, "I'll be I." No one ever lived up to that dedication better than did Henry Thoreau. He was an independent mind, gloriously free from spineless conformity. — HALFORD E & ROBERT E LUCCOCK, *Pulpit Digest*.

LEISURE—22

Our leisure time has increased greatly. But so has our gen'l restlessness, nervous tension, alcoholism, mental instability and outright insanity. Too much wealth and leisure—and too little work—debauched the rulers of the Roman Empire and brought its downfall. What would happen if the same virus infected our nation?—JOHN LUTHER, *My Blessing, Not My Doom* (Economics Press pamphlet).

LIFE—Death—23

The person fears death most who fears life most, and the one who lives with the realization that he has but one life to enjoy is the person who, in his waning yrs, is as happily satisfied as ever.—JOHN M DORSEY, *Geriatrics*.

LIFE—Living—24

If we would aspire to a high altitude in life it would be wise to examine the attitude we take toward life.—ARTHUR L YOUNG, "Attitude and Altitude," *New Outlook*, 11-'55.

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MANNERS—25

Many a man practices good manners in the truest sense who knows little about how to handle a teacup. . . Fundamentally, good manners are the embodiment of one's moral respect and consideration for others.—HAROLD W DODD, pres, Princeton Univ, *Lifetime Living*.

MARRIED LIFE—26

It's only after he's lost his first argument that the newly married man learns that in addition to being made of sugar and spice and everything nice, girls also have got quite a bit of iron in them. — N VERNON (Ind) *Sun*.

MORALS—27

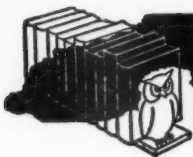
Knowledge alone does not stop men from evil. The poor and the ignorant are not the greatest sinners. Man's mind may unfold, his intellect grow more keen, his understanding more profound, yet side by side with this may be a moral degeneration such as existed in pagan Greece and Rome.—WM A SCULLY, *Illinois Medical Jnl*.

NATURE—28

If we were all to disappear from the face of the earth tomorrow, most of life would go on unchanged. However, if . . . photosynthesis by green plants were to stop tomorrow, man would continue to live only as long as the stock on the grocer's shelf lasted.—DR BOSTWICK G KETCHUM, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

PEDANTRY—29

Rabbi Solomon N Bazell, formerly of Louisville, Ky, tells of the man who complains that modern soc'y suffers from "Ph Deism." —*American Judaism*.



Book Briefs

We are asked frequently concerning the procedure incident to determining a "best-seller."

First let us make clear that there is no such thing as "a best-seller list." There are a number of lists, independently compiled by various periodicals. The customary course is to seek weekly reports from book stores in key cities. Stores list, or are presumed to list, books in the order of their sale. These reports are tabulated and from them the current "best-sellers" are determined. Since the various periodicals may obtain reports from different cities, or from different stores in the same city, there may be marked differences in these lists, particularly in the order in which the books are listed. Perhaps the most generally accepted lists are those published by the *New York Times* and by *Publishers' Wkly*, the principal trade journal of the book industry. There are also lists issued by wholesalers, but these reflect orders placed by retailers, rather than books actually sold to individuals. Some newspapers publish lists of "best-sellers" compiled solely from the records of local retailers. All "best-seller" lists are commonly divided into two classifications: Fiction and Non-Fiction.

There is no satisfactory answer to the persistent question, "How many copies must a book sell to get on the 'best-seller' list?" A great deal depends on the compe-

Think no evil, see no evil, hear no evil — and you will never write a best-selling novel.—DAN BENNETT.

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tition offered a new title. In a sluggish season, a book may make the list with a very modest sale; when there are a number of brisk-selling titles, the going is tougher.

Truth of the matter is that the whole procedure of determining "best-sellers" is quite erratic. Too much is left to the hunches and prejudices of individual book vendors. Some stores never report staple merchandise, such as cook books, even tho an individual title in this category may be selling phenomenally. An illustrative instance is provided in the case of the *Revised Standard Version of the Bible*, published by Nelson. When this Bible was newly issued in '52, it appeared periodically on various lists. Nowadays it is rarely encountered. Reporters grow weary of listing staples. Yet this Bible continues to sell, to quote the publisher's most recent release, an average of "one copy every 30 seconds, night and day, seven days a wk." That's better than 2,600,000 copies a yr—a record that should automatically place it at the head of every list of "best-sellers."

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"Now is the seed-time . . ."

That our Constitution has been amended only 22 times in 166 yrs seems less amazing when we see how well our nation's founders realized the magnitude of their undertaking. A good example is this from Thos Paine's remarkable propaganda pamphlet, Common Sense, issued 180 yrs ago (Jan 9, 1776):

It hath been rep'ted of the late Mr Pelham . . . that on his being attacked in the House of Commons on the score that his measures were only of a temporary kind, repl'd, "*They will last my time.*" Should a thought so fatal and unmanly possess the colonies in the present contest, the name of ancestors will be remembered . . . with detestation.

The sun never shone on a cause of greater worth. 'Tis not the affair of a city, a county, a province, or a kingdom; but of a continent . . . 'Tis not the concern of a day, a yr, or an age; posterity are virtually involved in the contest, and will be more or less affected even to the end of time, by the proceedings now. Now is the seed-time of continental union, faith and honor. The least fracture now will be like a name engraved with the point of a pin on the tender rind of a young oak; the wound would enlarge with the tree, and posterity read it in full grown characters.

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PREACHERS—Preaching—30

Fundamental studies in seminaries are suffering because churches shirk their part in ministerial training. A minister is expected to be a financier, a Rotarian, a church-school specialist, an incessant caller from home to home, a counselor who has the right word for the neurotic wrecks of the 20th century, a man who will preach the true word and duly administer the sacraments, one who will be wise enough to know when to preach the social implications of the gospel and when not to. . . And the seminary is expected to produce him. — EDWIN E VOIGT, Methodist bishop, Aberdeen, S Dak.

PROGRESS—31

It's okay to slam on the improved power brakes in the new autos, because '56 models have safety belts to keep you from bashing into the wider-visibility windshields that enable you to look for the two spaces necessary for parking the longer bodies needed to accomodate the more powerful engines — which is why you had to jam on those power brakes in the 1st place.—HAROLD COFFIN.

RECREATION—32

Recreation is gaining world-wide recognition as an essential element of the good life at a speed equaling or exceeding that of education. No longer a luxury, recreation is now accepted as a necessity in the proper growth and development of every man, woman and child.—GERALD P BURNS, *Program of the Modern Camp* (Prentice-Hall).

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Jan 8-14

Jan 8—Feast of the Holy Family. . . Borax was 1st discovered 100 yrs ago (1856), at Tuscan Springs, Cal; Utah findings soon after ushered in the fabled 20-mule teams of Death Valley Days. . . . Defeated British troops left 119,000 dead behind in retreat from the Dardenelles 40 yrs ago (1916), caused by a strategy blunder of 1st Admiralty Lord Winston Churchill which his enemies never forgot.

Jan 9—Newly arrived colonist Thos Paine issued his *Common Sense* pamphlet 180 yrs ago (1776), a striking argument for independence which sold nearly ¼ million copies!. . . The 1st overt act of the War between the States came 95 yrs ago (1861) when S Carolina guns fired on unarmed fed'l ship, *Star of the West*.

Jan 10—A jubilee day for American industry; the Texas oil boom began 55 yrs ago (1901) when the famed Lucas gusher spouted in Spindletop Field, near Beaumont (in 5 mo's, Spindletop wells were producing more oil than all other wells in the world combined!). . . A 99-yr lease on a million-acre Liberian rubber plantation 30 yrs ago (1926) put U S on road to independent supply of that vital product.

Jan 11—205th anniv (1751) of b of Silas Talbott, unique as both land and sea hero of revolution; he defended Ft Mifflin, captured British gunboats, and was U S S *Constitution's* commdr.

Jan 12—210th anniv (1746) of b of Johann Pestalozzi, Swiss education reformer whose theories underlie modern grade-school teaching methods. . . 100th anniv (1856) of b of John Singer Sargent, eminent U S portrait painter. . . Jack London, adventurous author who lived his reckless tales, was b 80 yrs ago (1876). . . Dr Henry Smith of Davidson College, N C, took the nation's 1st X-ray photo 60 yrs ago (1896) by morbid method; he shot a bullet into a corpse's hand, X-rayed it to locate missile.

Jan 13—1st radio ever offered for sale was advertised in *Scientific American* 50 yrs ago (1906), guaranteed to work "up to one mile."

Jan 14—215th anniv (1741) of b of Benedict Arnold, whose meteoric rise and deserved downfall gave our language a synonym for traitor. . . 150th b'day (1806) of Matthew Maury, Hall-of-Fame hydrographer who 1st completely mapped Gulf Stream, set present-day Atlantic ship routes. . . The 1st telegraph firm, Magnetic Telegraph Co, formed 110 yrs ago (1846) in N Y C. . . Royal decree made Mussolini official head of Italian armed forces as "Il Duce" 30 yrs ago (1926). . . Another, better-loved Italian, Arturo Toscanini, made his U S debut that day as conductor of N Y Philharmonic program.

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"Of all things!"

Writing (in *Reader's Digest*) on his impressions of America, after spending 15 yrs in Europe, Paul Gallico notes that our highways are little if any better than in '40.

We have been trying to get better roads for a long time. But they cost money. Administration-sponsored road bill was stalled by opponents who didn't want to pay user-taxes involved. Now, Democrats have a new 12-yr program involving some \$35 billions. A provision of the bill is that 100% of gas taxes be devoted to highways. (Most taxpayers think that's where the money now goes; actually only 50% is used for road construction.) Even with this proposal, plus higher user-taxes, the Treasury would be heavily nicked for any adequate road-construction program. It is extremely doubtful that the bill can be pushed thru, in its present form, against the opposition of powerful lobbying interests.

An interesting suggestion came last wk from N Y insurance representatives. It is suggested that insurance companies, collectively, be authorized to build and operate toll roads, as an outlet for surplus capital. With the return of capital investment, the highways would be relinquished to the states involved for operation at reduced tolls to cover maintenance. This would, of course, involve the cry of "big business" and favoritism to "vested interests" so nothing much is likely to come of it.

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RESEARCH—33

In all the yrs prior to '46, investment by American business in research totaled a little more than \$4,600,000,000. In the last 8 yrs alone, the investment was \$9,500,000,000.—LAWRENCE GALTON, *American Mag.*

SAFETY—Safe Driving—34

A good rule of thumb for determining safe drivers is that a man drives as he lives. Safe drivers on the whole tend to have average or better-than-average intelligence, to be relatively free of sensory and physical defects, and to be free from emotional conflicts or maladjustments. — "Design Vehicles Around the Driver," based on papers by P C ACKERMAN, R A McFARLAND & A L HAYNES, *SAE Jnl*, 11-'55.

SPEECH—Speaking—35

I love a finished speaker;

O me, I really do;

I don't mean one who's polished,
I just mean one who's thru.

—*Supervision.*

SUCCESS—36

Every now and then you hear a businessman say, "All I ask is to be right 51% of the time." Some of the greatest successes fall far below the 51% mark. Mention the name of Eddie Arcaro and you think at once of America's Number 1 jockey, for he has won more than \$18 million for his owners. In his long yrs of riding, he has been tossed aboard a horse nearly 18,000 times. How many times has he been in the money, not 1st, that is, but 1st, 2nd or 3rd? Just 20% of the time. If you measure success by percentage only, he has been a failure 80% of the time.—*KVP Philosopher*, hm, Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co.

TEACHERS—Teaching—37

Nothing makes teaching such a satisfying job as an independent income.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

WAR—38

Military power in today's world is incompatible with freedom, incapable of providing security, and ineffective in dealing with evil.—*Speak Truth to Power*, prepared for the American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, Pa.

WEATHER—39

A falling barometer can mean much more than a ruined weekend or a poor crowd at the ball park. Here, in terms of hard cash, is what wind and weather cost the country last yr:

Hurricanes caused damages of \$755 million.

Tornadoes cost \$28 million.

Wind storms (other than hurricanes and twisters) took a \$31 million toll.

Hail storms wrought havoc costing \$73 million.—*Advertiser's Digest*.

WISDOM—40

Knowledge is awareness of the fact that fire will burn; wisdom is remembrance of the blister.—ROB'T QUILLEN, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

YOUTH—41

Sad fact of life—Young people reach the "age of discussion" before the "age of discretion."—*Indianapolis Times*.

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A boy becomes a young man when he stops asking his father for money and requests a loan.—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag*.

In Brief

Denier is a unit of yarn, based on weight. And it's a pretty cumbersome and complicated way to buy stockings. At least that's what Chipman Knitting Mills has decided. They are throwing denier into the discard and will henceforth sell stockings for 4 specific types of living—"busy," "gracious," "modern," and "dangerous." Range is from the conventional service-weight to the evening sheer.

It may be a little early to bring this up, with Christmas not yet out of the way, but the Valentine's Day Promotion Council is planning a greatly enlarged promotion program for '56, to stimulate the buying of gifts. The slogan: "Make Love Official."

Calendar girls are "taking to cover" in '57 (the calendar-makers work a yr ahead). No nudes may be good news, or bad, according to your point of view. At any rate, the industry has agreed to stop making nude calendars. Current best-selling calendars are those featuring religious and safety themes.

Associated Press, reporting on Harry Truman's now-historic reference to Nixon, telegraphed subscribers: "I don't even want to discuss that ---- ----." Two hrs later came correction: "Dashes in 2nd paragraph A65LA should be spaced as follows: --- -- - ----."

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Good Stories.....

you can use

One day in a clearing in the forest, Confucius came upon a woman in deep mourning, wracked by sorrow. He learned that her son had just been eaten by a tiger; and he attempted to console her, to make clear how unavailing her tears would be, to restore her composure. He left, but had barely reentered the forest, when the renewed sounds of weeping recalled him. "That is not all," the woman said. "You see, my husband was eaten here a yr ago by this same tiger." Again Confucius attempted to console her and again he left only to hear renewed weeping. "Is that not all?" "Oh, no," she said. "The yr before that my father too was eaten by the tiger." Confucius thought for a moment, and then said: "This would not seem to be a very salutary neighborhood. Why don't you leave it?" The woman wrung her hands. "I know," she said, "I know; but, you see, the gov't is so excellent."—J ROBT OP-PENHEIMER, *The Open Mind* (Simon & Schuster). a

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The tycoon was looking for a new chauffeur. The applicant had excellent references and claimed to have driven in most of the 48 states.

"So far, so good," said the interviewer, as he handed the prospect a road map. "Now let's see you fold this." — *Tracks*, hm, Chesapeake and Ohio Ry. b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

DOYLE E CARLTON
Former Gov of Florida

I once knew a lady of 40 summers, and 50 winters, who was much troubled by a personal secret she feared the man she was about to marry might discover. In her desperation, she wrote to the matrimonial agency which had turned up the man for her in the 1st place.

"If I tell him my secret before we are married, he may not want to marry me; if I wait until afterward and he finds out, he may divorce me," she wrote. "What shall I do? My secret is that I've got false teeth!"

In a few days she got the advice she sought: "Keep your mouth shut." — *Whatever Things*, Stetson Univ.

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An amateur astronomer entertained a friend who was a rabid golfer. At dinner afterward he insisted that the golfer look at the moon thru his telescope while he delivered a short lecture on the beauties of our satellite. When he finished, he asked, "Well, what do you think of it?"

"I guess it's all right," repl'd the golfer, "but it's got an awful lot of sand traps."—*Capper's Wkly.* c

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A Rabbi is always anxious when he sees young children at a wedding. Children are so unpredictable, and today's children are delightfully uninhibited. A wedding ceremony is, of course, a religious service, and, tho joy is the dominant mood, there must be solemnity. The solemnity can be shattered in a split second by a child's remark delivered in high-pitched innocence.

Twenty-five guests had gathered in my study, plus a few children. I did all I could to make the ceremony impressive, tho a crowded study makes it difficult. I wore my gown to add something of the synagogue. As I offered the blessing, a child's voice rang out: "Mommy, what's that man doing all dressed up like a nun?"—EDW E KLEIN, *American Judaism*. d

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Woman to friend at country-club party: "I'm miserable. I've got on my sitting-down shoes and my standing-up girdle." — *Great Northern Goat*, hm, *Great Northern Ry*. e

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"Don't you think," asked the lawyer, "that you are straining a point in your explanation?"

"Maybe I am," retorted the witness, "but you often have to strain things to make them clear."—*Arkansas Baptist*. f

We never knew what extravagance could be until the gov't gave us planned economy. — RAYMOND DUNCAN.

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An expert is a person who not only knows all the answers, but can think up problems to fit them.—CAROLINE CLARK.

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A fool and his money may be soon parted—but never by another fool.—FRANCIS O WALSH.

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You can do just as much as ever with money—save it, spend it, lose it, give it away, worry about it.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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In traffic tie-ups you meet a very cross section of humanity.—MAURICE SEITTER.

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Insurance records show that the average woman wears better than the average man — but not as much.—HOWIE LASSETER.

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The best thing about color tv is that so far the Joneses haven't been able to afford it either.—Town Jnl.

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Some of the busiest people in the world are only picking up the beans they spilled.—Nuggets, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

Quote

Some elements of this television age are, we must admit, vaguely disturbing. There is the case of a night worker, returning to his home one morning, hungry for his dinner. He found eggs, flour, butter and other ingredients spread out on a table placed in front of the tv set. An accompanying note read: "The recipe for your dinner will be demonstrated on channel 4 at 10 o'clock."—*Television Age*. g

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"Bartender," said the man at the rail, "this is my talking dog. I'll sell him to you for \$10."

"Will you stop with that talking dog stuff?" growled the bartender. "Who do you think you're kidding?"

Suddenly the dog looked up, tears in his eyes. "Please buy me, sir," he pleaded. "This man is cruel—never buys me a decent meal—never gives me a bath—why, I was once the richest trick dog in America. I performed before kings. I was in the WAGS during the war and was decorated 5 times."

"Hey," cried the bartender, "he does talk! Why sell a dog like that for \$10?"

"Because," said the customer, "I'm sick to death of his lying!"—*E E KENYON, American Wkly.* h

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"Yes, Michael," said the mother, "the baby was a Christmas present from the angels."

"Well, mama," repl'd Michael, "if we put him away carefully and don't use him, can't we give him to somebody else next Christmas?"—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co. i

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A theatrical friend of mine tells me the amusing story of a rehearsal at which Rob't Morley was explaining to a cast how a certain scene should be played.

"When you make your entrance," he explained to a very stout actor, "I want you to walk across the stage and sit pensively in that chair."

The actor did as he was told, but instead of slipping gently into his seat, he flopped, and the chair promptly collapsed.

"Good Heavens, man!" exploded Morley, "I said sit down pensively, not EXpensively!"—*Tit-Bits*, London. j

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The great Berlin physician Dr Heim once examined an hysterical actress. "There's nothing wrong with you," was his diagnosis. "You only need rest."

"But just look at my tongue," the actress interrupted in disgust.

"Yes," said the doctor, "it needs rest, too." — *Auslese*, Frankfurt (QUOTE translation). k

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It was just before the armistice in Korea and a couple of perspiring Army stevedores had stopped working for a little chat.

"Boy," said the first, "what do you want most when you're discharged from the Army?"

"I want my rifle most of all," replied the second.

"Your rifle?" asked the other, surprised. "What in the world do you want with your rifle?"

"So when I get home I can plant it in the yard," explained his buddy. "Then when it rains I'm gonna sit by the window and say, 'Rust, you son of a gun, rust!'"—*DAN BENNETT*. l

Life must be really hard in Milwaukee. One tot already feels the weight of time pressing on his 23-mo-old shoulders. It seems that recently a family friend politely asked Jeff how old he was.

Jeff sighed and said wearily, "Pushing 2."—*Milwaukee Jnl.* m

A woman in a state-owned store in East Germany pointed to a picture of Khrushchev. "Your boss?" she asked.

"No," repl'd the clerk, "our cashier."—*Sales Talk.* n



According to a speaker at the Southern Medical Association, television could be an indirect cause of colds, with children lying on the rug and allergies being touched off by mold and dust.—*News item.*

Do your children fall
To the floor and sprawl
While watching a killer-diller?
Do they feel that they just
Have to hit the dust
In the midst of a Western thriller?

It's the dust and the mold
That causes their cold
(Says the doc, with professional cunning)

And makes their eyes red
And sends them to bed
With noses pathetically running.

But the mold and the dust
Should be praised, and not cussed.
They do us a service.—You see,
While the children are down
With their colds, though we frown,
We watch what we want on TV.

"Now can anybody tell me," asked the geography teacher, "where we find mangoes?"

"Yes, miss," repl'd a knowing little boy, "wherever woman goes."—*Atlas News*, hm, *Atlas Auto Finance Co.* o

Mrs Newcomer had recently employed a gardener. She supervised him and his work most of the time and the man was getting restive under her constant surveillance.

One day after she had given him detailed instructions regarding some transplanting, her patience evaporated. "John," she exclaimed impatiently, "in the time it takes me to tell you what to do, I could do it myself!"

He removed his pipe from his mouth and nodded his head gravely. "Yes, ma'am," he replied. "And in the time it takes me to listen, so could I!"—*FRANCES RODMAN.* p

And there is the distressing experience of the Scotsman who entered a retiring room that he *thought* was labeled "Laddies!"—*News & Views*, hm, *Gen'l Motors Acceptance Corp.* q

In our parish one afternoon, a little girl was about to witness her 1st Benediction service. She watched, fascinated, as the altar boy lit all the candles. Then she turned to her mother and asked, "Mother, is Liberace coming?"—*JOAN M HENRION, Catholic Digest.* r

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Quote-ettes

PRES DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, to House Minority Leader Jos Martin, who publicly predicted the President would accept nomination for a 2nd term: "I read what you said about me, Joe—what'll you bet?"

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BILLY GRAHAM, evangelist, announcing the opening of a Washington hdqtrs office: "I want to be there where I can lobby for God."

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GEO MEANY, pres of merged AFL-CIO unions, announcing a "get-tough" policy: "No little men with loud voices in either political or industrial life are going to turn us aside."

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These items are unrelated except inasmuch as they are all very new, interesting and useful.

People who must watch their weight closely may want to watch for a tiny personal scale, easily carried while traveling. (This is made in Switzerland, and may not yet be available here.) Smaller than a match box, scale can be carried in a pocket, placed on floor after a lever has been lowered. Person places ball of one foot on the scale, raises other foot an inch or so, then lowers it. Scale is then lifted and held up to light; reading is shown in a slit.

New sunglasses have sun-shading slats rather than lenses. Louver-like slats are made of light plastic, snap into frames. Slats can be changed to harmonize with different color combinations in clothing.

Latest thing in aerosol cans is pancake batter. (We don't know that this is particularly useful, but it should be fun.) You can squirt 20 4-in pancakes onto your griddle from one can. Can should be stored in freezer, removed to room temperature 15 min's before using.

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